

### **REMARKS**

The allowance of claims 1 - 12 and 39 is acknowledged.

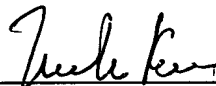
By the present amendment, applicants have canceled non-elected claims 18 - 38, which stand withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter and without prejudice to the right to file a divisional application.

Since only allowed claims 1 - 12 and 39 remain in this application issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

For the foregoing reasons, favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.36068CC2) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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